

500 PEOPLE  
BURNED OUTFire Raged Over Wide Area  
In Dallas, Texas, To-day

## THREE VERY BADLY HURT

They Were Run Down by a Truck—Thirty Buildings Were Wiped Out, Making a Fire Loss Estimated to Be \$100,000.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 1.—Fire this morning destroyed thirty buildings, six small stores, six boarding-houses, a part of the Buell Planing mill and the Dallas Ice and Fuel company's plant. The damage is estimated at \$100,000. Five hundred people were made homeless by the conflagration. A woman and two firemen were run down by a fire department truck, and all three were probably fatally injured. The flames broke out at an early hour in the morning and burned fiercely till 9 o'clock, being then brought under control.

## ABE ATTELL'S FIGHT.

Pal Moore Was Easy and It Was a Poor Match.

New York, Nov. Dec. 1.—Abe Attell of California easily defeated Pal Moore of Philadelphia in a ten-round bout at the Fairmont A. C. last night.

It was a poor match. Moore was outclassed from start to finish by the featherweight champion, and at the last bell Abe's only mark was a slight trickle of blood from the nose, while Moore's face was terribly bruised and both his eyes were closed.

Attell forced the pace in the first round and sent a couple of hard left hooks to the face. Moore came back with a few left hooks to the body, but they were without steam. In the second Attell played for the stomach and jaw, and was all over his opponent. Moore came back in the third with lefts to the body, but made no impression on Attell, who kept up a series of cutting left jabs to the face and head. In the fourth Attell shot a right to the jaw and Moore went down for the count of nine. Abe's nose was bleeding and Moore's eyes were puffed up at the bell.

Moore surprised the crowd in the seventh by putting Attell down with a right swing. Abe sat in the middle of the ring with his legs crossed laughing, waiting for the count of nine, when he sprang to his feet. In-fighting marked the remainder of the round.

## TAFT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Calling of Cabinet Meeting Indicates He Wishes to Discuss It.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—A hurriedly called cabinet meeting today indicated that President Taft had completed a rough draft of his annual message to Congress and wished to discuss it. It is thought that the cabinet meeting will last late.

## NEGLECTANCE CAUSED ACCIDENT.

Investigation of Mine Explosion Showed That Miners Lost Lives Needlessly.

Trinidad, Col., Dec. 1.—The starkly vivid picture of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company today reported that gross negligence in the failure to clean and sprinkle the mine caused the explosion and the death of 56 miners.

## IMITATIVE SUICIDE.

Depressed People Often Moved by the Force of Example.

The subject of imitative suicide has recently attracted attention in the public press. The mental condition of an individual who commits suicide is difficult to fathom. In one class of case a person will fancy that he is being constantly persecuted, that he is always watched, or that he is financially ruined, all these ideas being contrary to fact; he destroys himself in order to escape these imaginary evils.

Such a man is obviously of unsound mind. In another class of case a man has committed a crime or disgraced himself in some way, and in order to free himself from the consequences of his act he takes his own life in preference to facing exposure or the punishment entailed. Such an individual is not necessarily insane.

But there is yet another class—people who are subject to attacks of depression and who are apt to brood over real or imagined injuries. These are weak-minded, or may be on the border line between sanity and insanity.

Or another class likely to act upon some sudden impulse are the alcoholics. In these a passing suggestion is likely to result in some deed of violence often of a suicidal nature. Such impulses are susceptible of being spread by imitation. Reading in the newspaper of a mode of self-destruction which is likely to excite great notoriety has been known to induce a similar act in the reader; a suicide by coal gas, especially when a description has been given of the exact manner in which the deed was carried out, has found imitators.

More particularly, however, the sight of a particular spot or locality where previous suicides have taken place may induce a suicide by coal gas, especially when a description has been given of the exact manner in which the deed was carried out, has found imitators.

NEGRO BANDIT SLAIN  
WHILE ROBBING TRAIN

Was Shot by Railroad Watchman As He Was Going Through Passengers—He Tried to Return Fire.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 1.—Jack Thomas, a negro of Blytheville, Ark., turned bandit last night, terrorized and robbed passengers aboard a westbound St. Louis and San Francisco fast train and in the end was shot to death by A. B. Walton, railroad watchman.

The train, the St. Louis-Memphis limited, had just started across the bridge over the Mississippi on the outskirts of Memphis, when Thomas, revolver in hand, came through the doorway which separated the white and colored smoking compartments. He commanded "hands up!" and there was a prompt compliance by all the passengers. Then he passed his victims along into the negro section of the car, emptying their pockets as they went. Four had been divested of their purses and trinkets when Walton appeared, summoned from the car platform by a fare-collector who had escaped the negro.

Walton fired as he entered the coach. The bullet struck the hold-up man just above the heart. He staggered and attempted to aim his weapon, but Walton continued his fire and two other bullets lodged in the negro's body. Thomas toppled when the last bullet struck him and was dead when the watchman made his way along the aisle through the now panic-stricken passengers. One of Walton's bullets went wild, striking a negro and inflicting a slight wound.

The train was stopped at the next station and the body of Thomas was taken off. A coroner's jury was empaneled on the depot platform and Walton exonerated from blame. Then the train proceeded on its way.

TUFTS COLLEGE MAY  
DROP FOOTBALL

Serious Question at the Medford Institution to Be Decided at Next Meeting of the Advisory Board.

Boston, Dec. 1.—Football is in danger at Tufts college. The great fall game may be dropped from the list of varsity sports at the next meeting of the athletic advisory board, and the college will be without a team for the next season.

Prof. Harry C. Chase, the athletic advisor, said last night: "It is by no means an idle rumor that football will be abolished. I give for the reason the lack of alumni support and the present financial condition."

The question will come up for final action at the next meeting of the athletic advisory board, which will be held within a week.

In regard to the matter, President Frederick W. Hamilton said: "I suppose that if the athletic advisory board decides to abolish football at Tufts it will be official and football will be dropped, at least temporarily."

Manager Elmer I. MacPhie of Winchester stated: "I have heard a rumor that football was likely to be dropped for a couple of years at Tufts. I should be very sorry to see any such thing happen, for if football was dropped one year in all probability it would never be revived."

## CAR PLUNGED OFF TRACK.

Some Exciting Moments for Passengers On West River R. R.

Brattleboro, Dec. 1.—At 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the two rear cars of the mixed train on the West River division of the Central Vermont railroad went off the rails about a mile and a half north of West Dummerston station. Though there were a number of passengers in the combination baggage and passenger coach, no one was seriously injured as the car careened and toppled over on its side, throwing the passengers on the seats and under them. Judge A. F. Schwenke of Brattleboro was the only person having an opportunity to jump and he sprained one leg and was badly shaken up doing it. Mrs. Mary Goff and daughter, Hazel, both of Brattleboro, were badly shaken up and Mrs. Goff received bruises. Ernest L. Waterman, chairman of the board of village bailiffs of Brattleboro, was thrown about in the baggage car and mail sacks pinned him down. The cause of the accident is unknown. The wheels climbed the rail and the cars went off the iron before the train could be stopped. Had the coupling between the two rear cars unfused, the combination car would have rolled completely over. It now lies on its side beside the track.

The passengers spent several bad minutes before they were extricated from the overturned car, as two stoves started fires which would have soon proven dangerous. The passengers were brought to shore by the cars and the train was in charge of Conductor Thomas Rouse and Engineer Jerry Curtis.

## SHOT HIS BROTHER

But He Was Trying to Protect Him From Bull Moose.

Montreal, Dec. 1.—In a desperate effort to protect his brother, Fred Drexel Rodgers of Philadelphia, from the charge of a wounded bull moose, W. T. Rodgers fired several shots from his rifle, one of which killed the young man.

Mr. Rodgers, grief-stricken over the accident, passed through here yesterday en route to their home in Philadelphia. The fatal shooting occurred on the shore of Longlake lake. The body was brought down to Ottawa by Mr. Rodgers and his guides and shipped here by train. It was transferred to the New York express yesterday afternoon. Fred Drexel Rodgers was 23 years old.

## COUNTESS TOLSTOI VERY ILL.

In Critical Condition With Fever—Grief at Husband's Death Aggravates Case.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—Messages from Pasnya Polianska state that the condition of Countess Tolstoi, who is dying of fever, is critical, being aggravated by her unchecked grief at her husband's death.

INAUGURATION  
AMID GLOOM

Diaz Today Began Eighth Term as President

## WAS NO PUBLIC JUBILEE

Instead, the Formal Swearing-in Was Held Before Only Diplomats and High Government Officials, Because of Revolt.

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—Porfirio Diaz was today sworn in for his eighth term as president, and Ramon Corral was made vice president. Guerrilla warfare still rages throughout northern Mexico against his dictatorship. The inauguration was without public jubilee, as a result of the revolt, and at the swearing-in, which occurred in Congress hall, only diplomats and high government officials were present.

It is denied that President Diaz is prostrated. He is in his usual health and visits the national palace every day, giving the affairs of the nation his personal attention.

## TOOK GAS TO END IT.

Leon H. Haynes of Brattleboro Despondent Over Domestic Troubles.

Brattleboro, Dec. 1.—Leon Henry Haynes, 24 years of age and married, died at a room in Mrs. Ada Hyde's lodging house, 39 Elliott street, sometime Tuesday night or early yesterday morning after inhaling illuminating gas with suicidal intent. The young man, who is a son of Clifton Haynes of Taunton, Mass., formerly a resident of Brattleboro, came to Brattleboro from Taunton about two weeks ago, after spending the summer in that city, where he was employed as a machinist. About ten days ago he attempted to end his life by taking laudanum. He was despondent because of his wife's estrangement. His wife was Lucy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goddard of Hometown, Brattleboro, and was married to Mr. Haynes about a year and a half ago. Their married life had not been entirely without discord.

When the man was found he was lying in bed and two open gas cocks had filled the small room with the fumes. Before retiring Mr. Haynes had taken the precaution to fill all of the crevices around the doors and windows with paper and had made use of his underclothing to exclude air from the room. Besides his wife, he leaves three brothers, Lorenzo D. and Roy W. of Brattleboro, Allan E. of Fitchburg, Mass., one sister, Mrs. Lulu E. Haynes of Beverly, Mass., and his father, Clifton Haynes of Taunton, Mass. He was born in Brattleboro July 28, 1886, and attended the public schools of Guilford. He had been a machinist for a number of years.

## ACCEPTS PASTORATE IN BERLIN.

Rev. Frank Blomfield, for Six Months a Supply at East Barre.

The Rev. Frank Blomfield, who came from Muskegon, Mich., and has conducted the services of the East Barre Congregational church for the past six months, has received and accepted a call to the Congregational church at Berlin, where he commences his pastorate December 11.

## White Cats Usually Dead.

Writing about the raising of high-class Persian cats, Blanche E. Watson says in *Suburban Life* for December: "If one is planning to raise white cats, the fact should be remembered that the majority of this color are deaf; especially is this true of the blue-eyed specimens. It is pleasant to have a kitten respond to your voice, but the deaf ones are so keen in sight and intuition that it is simply wonderful how near to hearing they seem. Usually the darker-colored cats are the harder, but there are exceptions to all rules. In buying a kitten, select one having a broad face, short legs, short body and a short tail. If you have the price, be particular that there is not a white hair on the solid-colored kitten. Sometimes a gray spot on a white kitten fades out, but I never knew a bunch of white to turn black, orange or blue."

## TALK OF THE TOWN.

Mrs. Noble S. Love went to Northfield today for a visit with friends.

Special sale of boys and girls furniture house, 15c a pair at Perry's Saturday.

Mrs. E. J. Owens went to Northfield today for a few days' visit at her former home.

I. S. Potts of Battle Creek, Mich., advance agent for the Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., was in the city yesterday.

M. W. Brown of Boston, district manager of the Direct Importing Co., was in the city today on business connected with the company's branch store here.

Ballard's steamship agency has received word of the arrival of the steamship Berlin, at Naples yesterday. A half-dozen or more Barre people took passage on this vessel.

The public is cordially invited to witness the D. O. K. K. "pee-rade" at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening on Main street between Depot square and the city hall. The Barre Citizens band will lead the procession followed by the dignitaries and the royal Bengal tiger.

Wednesday and Thursday arrivals at the City hotel were as follows: E. L. Hodkins, Woodville, N. H.; J. E. Cole, St. Albans; T. C. Brophy, Boston; Mrs. Adelaide Webster, Montpelier; C. J. Schulte, William T. Rhodes, Buffalo, N. Y.; C. R. Dace, Worcester; C. W. Witters, St. Albans; T. T. Comer, Boston; L. F. Jones, Reading; G. A. Love, Rochester, N. Y.

CARVER TAKES OFFICE  
AS STATE'S ATTORNEY

State's Prosecuting Office in Washington County Transferred To-day to Barre—Other Officers Take Oath.

J. Ward Carver of this city took the oath of office today as state's attorney for Washington county to succeed Benjamin Gates of Montpelier, who has held the office for the last four years, and hereafter the state's attorney's office will be transferred to Barre into Mr. Carver's offices in the L. M. Averill block on Main street. The oath was administered to the new state's attorney by County Clerk J. E. Smith in his office at the county court building. The state's attorney presented his bond for \$7,000, which was signed by the American Fidelity company, and it was approved by the assistant judges.

Assistant Judges W. R. Clapp of this city and George H. Dale of Waterbury, the latter of whom succeeds Judge L. R. Wells of Middlesex, and Sheriff Frank Tracy also took the oath of office this forenoon. The county clerk was also busy issuing commissions to the notaries public.

## DEPUTIES NAMED.

Sheriff Frank Tracy Made His Appointments To-day.

Sheriff Frank Tracy today announced his appointments of deputies for the city and towns in the county as follows:

Barre City, H. D. Camp, H. J. Clayton, A. M. Morrison, George Howe, Samuel Sinclair, George Carle, Harry Gamble.

Barre Town, A. B. Hutchins, W. F. Cutler.

Berlin, C. A. Dodge.

Cabot, L. C. Luce.

Celaia, John Mahan.

East Montpelier, F. E. Blodah.

Farston, C. C. Grandfield.

Marshfield, S. R. Unwin.

Middlesex, J. F. Hastings.

Montpelier, J. L. Tuttle, W. C. Lawton, H. B. Wedge, C. A. Smith, John Duherly, John Durkee, Patrick Connolly, T. J. McAvoy, E. G. Gilbert.

Northfield, J. E. Plunkett, W. W. Holden.

Roxbury, Myron Richardson.

Waitsfield, O. G. Eaton.

Warren, E. M. Turner.

Waterbury, C. C. Graves, J. D. Groat, V. A. Dillingham.

Woodbury, John A. Morse, H. S. Benjamin.

## WAS NOT RE-APPOINTED.

Edward S. Whittaker Had Been Rival to Enos C. Fish for Sheriff.

Rutland, Dec. 1.—Edward C. Whittaker of this city, who has been a deputy sheriff nearly thirty years, was not among the deputies appointed today by Sheriff Enos C. Fish. Mr. Whittaker was a candidate in opposition to Mr. Fish at the last election.

## ARRANGE HARD SCHEDULE.

Goddard Seminary Basketball Team Now Preparing for It.

Basketball practice at Goddard seminary began Monday night with a large squad of candidates out for the team. The men will be coached during the winter by Mr. Stacey of the faculty, who had charge of the football season during the summer. With several hundred candidates, who are all more or less familiar with the game, it is expected that a fast team will result. Carr, Chappel and Richardson of last year's five will form a good nucleus for a team which should be equally as good this year.

Manager Scott has arranged the following schedule: Dec. 9, all-Barre at Barre; Dec. 20, Montpelier Independents at Montpelier; January 27, Richmond Athletic association at Barre; Feb. 4, Richards high school of Newport, N. H., at Barre; Feb. 6, People's academy at Morrisville; Feb. 7, Lamont Central academy at Hyde Park; Feb. 15, Spaulding high school at Barre; Feb. 22, People's academy at Barre; Feb. 24, Troy conference academy at Poultney; Feb. 25, Richmond Athletic association at Richmond; March 1, Spaulding high school at Barre; March 4, Montpelier Independents at Barre; March 7, Lamont Central academy at Barre; March 13, Richards high school at Newport, N. H.; March 14, Vermont academy at Saxtons River.

Negotiations are also under way for games with Rutland and Burlington high schools. The seminary team has secured the use of the Church street gymnasium for its games.

## FAVORS QUINCY PROPOSITION.

Barre Branch, G. C. I. A., Voted Late Yesterday to Defer Revision.

An adjourned meeting of Barre branch of the Granite Cutters' International association convened in Miles' hall yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. Immediately after the sheds closed at that hour, the polls were thrown open for a vote on the Helena proposition and the Quincy substitute, so called. The polls were closed at 8 o'clock, the following figures resulting from the count: For Quincy substitute, 445; against Quincy substitute, 13; for Helena proposition, 13; against Helena proposition, 438. It will thus be seen that the vote for the latter proposition exactly equals the vote against the former, while the ballot in favor of the Quincy proposition tallies nearly with the vote registered against the Helena proposition. Yesterday's ballot, therefore, amounts to an almost unanimous expression in favor of the Quincy proposition. The result of the vote will be forwarded at once to the headquarters of the granite cutters' association in Quincy, Mass.

The monthly circular of information, issued to each of the branches, contained in the last issue a proposition from the Helena branch to revise the constitution. This motion set forth reasons for the revision, which were to be made preferably by convention. The same circular also contained a substitute for this proposition, which was applied by the Quincy branch. In this latter motion, it was argued that the revision should be deferred until a more opportune time. The consensus of opinion among members of the local branch was determined at the adjourned meeting yesterday.

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AS IF HERSELF  
THE ACCUSED

Mrs. Glover Put Through a Merciless Cross-examination

## IN THE LE BLANC TRIAL

Attorney for Young Girl Endeavors to Shift the Responsibility for Clarence Glover's Death—Attorneys in a Clash.

Boston, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Lillian M. Glover, widow of the murdered Clarence F. Glover, was recalled to the stand at the opening of today's session of the dramatic trial of Hattie LeBlanc, who is formally charged with the murder, following a recess last night after attorney Melvin Johnson for Hattie had charged that Mrs. Glover had the means, the motive and the mind to kill her husband. The Glover woman testified regarding the finding of Hattie in the Glover home.

The prosecution completed the direct examination of Mrs. Glover, asking her regarding her use of fire-arms. She answered that she had used a gun and pistol occasionally while hunting, although she declared that she was a poor shot. The witness was clad in black and wore a veil. She did not show any emotion. Attorney Johnson began a merciless cross-examination, but the woman answered quietly and easily the volley of questions.

Mrs. Glover denied that she ever went under any other name than Glover or LeBlanc, which was her maiden name, though she claims that she is not related to Hattie. However, she admitted that she had received mail addressed to Minnie Clark, but she denied she had used the name Lillian Walker. She said she married Glover when she was sixteen, the date of the marriage being January 20, 1890. She showed the certificate of her marriage. She declared that she left Cape Breton when but twelve and had returned there for visits. She lived in several cities in Boston with cousins of her family.

## Attorneys Clashed.

On the continuance of the cross-examination, Mrs. Glover declared that she had known Hattie long. She admitted that she practiced with fire-arms in Walham. She denied that she remarked while sitting a moving picture show that had she wanted to she could have given Hattie to the police two days before the girl was pulled under a bed in the Glover home. During the cross-examination the attorneys frequently clashed, and Judge Higgins rebuked Prosecutor Higgins severely.

The direct examination of the woman had been concluded at the end of yesterday afternoon's session. During the direct examination she told of her discovery of the alleged relations between her husband and the defendant. She explained her failure to see her husband at the hospital by saying that she was faint and was told that he was about to be operated upon. Friends stayed with her for the next three days, although officers searched her house twice and she watched it once, it was not until three days after the alleged murder that Hattie LeBlanc was found under a bed in one of the rooms. How she came there she did not know. She identified jewelry found near the laundry where the shooting is said to have occurred as belonging to Hattie LeBlanc, as well as a handkerchief found in the laundry. She identified the weapon which the prosecution claims was used as belonging to her husband. She said she had owned the laundry for thirteen years and bought it with her own money.

## Calls Mrs. Glover's Vampire.

The prosecution had not gone far in its evidence when it found that the defense on cross-examination of a witness was seeking to turn the attack from Hattie LeBlanc to Mrs. Glover. The district attorney protested strongly against insinuation against the widow, but Melvin M. Johnson, the leading counsel for the defense, declared that he proposed to show, not only by the cross-examination of this witness, but from other witnesses, that Mrs. Glover had the motive and the inclination, the mental and physical capacity and the opportunity to murder her husband.

"I expect to prove this," said Mr. Johnson, "by the acts of declarations of this woman before and after her husband's murder. I desire to show that she was a vampire, and I use the word advisedly."

## EXTRADITION PAPERS ISSUED.

Wm. Dusablon, Wanted for Deserting Child, Sent Back to Schenectady, N. Y.

A hearing was held yesterday afternoon before Governor Mead on the case of William Dusablon, N. Y., on the charge of deserting a child under 16 years of age, which constitutes a misdemeanor in that state.

Dusablon and his attorney, M. P. Denning of Arlington, were present, while Attorney General Sargent appeared for the state. In behalf of Dusablon his attorney stated that the man was willing to support his wife and child if they would come to Vermont. Detective VanDusen of Schenectady appeared for New York state and said the man was wanted for what he had already done and what he was willing to do in the future did not affect what he had already done.

After hearing both sides of the question, Attorney General Sargent decided that the New York authorities had a right to the man, and as Governor Mead was also convinced that extradition papers should be issued, he made them out. Dusablon was placed in the county jail last night for safe keeping, and this morning was taken to Schenectady by Detective VanDusen.

## OPENED WITH SUPPER.

Annual Fair of the Ladies of the Universalist Church.

The three nights' fair, held under the auspices of the ladies' union of the Universalist church, was opened last evening in the vestry of the church. From 5:30 o'clock until 7, a chicken-pie supper was served, which proved a great success in every particular, 250 people being served delicious chicken pie, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, cranberry sauce, beet salad, celery, coffee jelly, assorted cake, tea and coffee. The supper was in charge of Mrs. C. N. Benedict, assisted by Mrs. H. A. McNeil, Mrs. F. C. Eaton and Miss C. L. Laing. During the supper hour, the Goddard orchestra gave an enjoyable concert.

The vestry was prettily decorated with booths and evergreen trees. At the booths the ladies have an excellent display of articles for sale and they found ready customers among the people who inspected them. The domestic booth was in charge of Mrs. G. W. Blanchard, Mrs. Charles Moorecroft and Mrs. W. E. Humphrey. At the apron booth Mrs. Etta L. Leonard and Mrs. W. A. Bradford were in charge. The Misses Ruth Ogilvie, Nellie Blanchard, Shirley and Blanche Bradford were in attendance at the candy booth and the fancy article booth was supervised by Mrs. B. A. Eastman and Mrs. Mabel Cole. A "grab bag" from which customers pulled out their own prizes was in charge of Hazel Guyer and Hester Gove.

During the evening an illustrated lecture on Holland was given upstairs in the church by Rev. B. F. Eaton of Dover, N. H. Owing to an accident to the lantern, the lecture was late in starting, but proved very entertaining and instructive. Many fine pictures were shown of the country and its people, and the speaker gave an excellent talk on the history and the character of its quaint people. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Layman's league of the church.

The annual fair of the Church of the Good Shepherd came to a successful finish in Howland hall last evening, with an excellent program, well planned and ably carried out. The fair, which was conducted under the auspices of the ladies' guild of that church, consisted of a supper, sale and entertainment, and began Tuesday evening. When the final figures have been completed, it is thought that the proceeds will approximate \$125, one of the largest amounts ever realized from these fairs. Last evening's program was appreciated by a good-sized audience and consisted of the following numbers: Piano trio, Mrs. Sutor, Mathieson and Tomasi; vocal solo, Roland Cragg; drill, school girls; violin duet, Miss Hortense Knight and Harold Knight; reading, Hazel Lyon; piano solo, Evelyn Mathieson; star drill, seven young ladies; concert, Miss Florence Russell; piano duet, Miss Coburn and Edgar Erickson.

PRESBYTERIANS REGRET  
TO LOSE PASTOR

But Under the Circumstances They Voted Last Night to Accede to His Resignation and Ask Boston Presbytery to Sever Pastoral Relation.

A representative gathering of members of the Presbyterian congregation was held in the church last evening to take action on the resignation of the pastor, Rev. J. Dugald MacKenzie, whose letter of withdrawal was read before the congregation Sunday, November 20. The meeting came to order with the reading of the call by the clerk, James S. Milne. The pastor then opened the question at issue by giving a statement of his reasons for resigning. In substance, his remarks were identical to those contained in his letter previously read before the congregation. In closing, Mr. MacKenzie expressed his appreciation of the interest and loyalty which has been manifested during his pastorate in Barre, and hoped that the parish might continue to prosper in the future.

At the close of his remark, James A. Rowen was called to act as chairman of the meeting. James S. Milne, as clerk of the session, was named as clerk of the meeting ex-officio. A lengthy discussion ensued in which different members of the congregation freely participated. It was the sense of the meeting that they would like to have Mr. MacKenzie remain, but under the circumstances, given in his explanation, it seemed advisable to unite with him in presenting a petition to the Boston presbytery for a grant of release. The pastor's ill health being self-evident, the motion was carried by a good-sized majority, although there were many dissenting votes.

The petition asking for Mr. MacKenzie's release will be forwarded to the Boston presbytery at once. An adjourned meeting of this body will be held in Boston on December 13, but it is thought that a special or called meeting will convene in this city sometime before that date to consider the matter. Although the exact day of the meeting cannot be given out now, it is believed that it will be within ten days.

Mr. MacKenzie will complete his labors in Barre at the end of two or three weeks, when he will leave for southern Alberta in Canada, where it is hoped that the climate will prove of some benefit to his health. A previous residence in that district has convinced him that the climate is really congenial to him, and it is quite probable that the change will restore him to his former health.

## BEGIN WORK AT 7:30.

Granite Sheds Started On New Schedule This Morning.

Beginning this morning, the granite plants under the Barre jurisdiction went on a new hour schedule, work starting at 7:30 instead of 7 and continuing till noon, re-opening at 1 p. m. and closing at 4. The Saturday half-holiday is over with until spring. The following official announcement is made by the officials of the union:

"Granite Cutters, Attention.

"On and after this date, Dec. 1, the working hours shall be from 7:30 a. m. till 12 noon, and 1 till 4 p. m., six days of the week, and all members shall govern themselves accordingly.

Thomas Nichols, president.  
Geo. C. Stewart, sec. pro-tem.

Mrs. W. N. Ward of Burlington was a visitor in the city yesterday.

HOUSE KILLS  
MANY BILLS

Thirteen Budding Vermont State Laws Were

## DURING A BUSY SESSION

Senate Passed an Employers Liability Bill, Which Is Considerably Modified from That Introduced by Senator Gordon.

Both houses of the legislature put in a hard morning's work at routine matters this forenoon and turned out a lot of it. The Senate took up the weights and measures bill and, after amending it, ordered the bill to a third reading. They amended it first by striking out the words that three inspectors "shall" be appointed to read that they "may" be appointed when necessary. The other amendment strikes out the provision for a \$200 fine on second offense for false scales after the scales have been tested.